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## **Downtown Westminster Celebrates the Season** ***Mayor's Cup and Miracle on Main Holiday Parade Awards Announced***

*Westminster, MD* -- At the most recent Westminster City Common Council meeting, Mayor Kevin Utz honored a number of local businesses with awards for the Mayor's Cup and Miracle on Main Holiday Electric Parade.

### *Mayor's Cup Window Decorating Contest*

The Mayor's Cup is a long-standing contest, where downtown businesses decorate their storefronts and office windows in hopes of capturing the best visual depiction of the holiday season. This year, 16 businesses offered eye-grabbing entries, making it difficult for the judging team of the **Good Thyme Gals** gardening club to select the winner. At the meeting, Mayor Utz presented winner **Flower Box II** with the "Mayor's Cup", a trophy engraved with the florist's name and now in the company's possession until next year.

"It was a close competition with so many beautiful entries," says Mayor Kevin Utz. "These windows capture the true holiday spirit throughout downtown."

### *Miracle on Main Holiday Electric Parade Winners*

On Saturday, November 30, Downtown Westminster came alive with the sights and sounds of the holiday season via its annual "Miracle on Main" electric parade. This year's event had 52 parade entries and floats, sparkling with thousands of lights to electrify the parade route. At Monday's meeting, Mayor Utz honored the following businesses with the parade awards:

- Spirit of the Season: Carroll Lutheran Village
- Best and Brightest: Carroll County Veterinary Clinic
- Main Street Champion: Home Depot

“We really appreciate all of the creativity and time these businesses devote to making our downtown so festive for the holidays,” said Mayor Kevin Utz. “The Parade simply could not exist without their participation.”

Mayor Utz also thanked Interstate Battery for supplying the power sources for every electric parade entry, in addition to providing onsite staff support to ensure that every float was alight for the parade. “We are also grateful to the Interstate Battery team for securing the majestic, six-horse hitch pulled by the Pine Creek Percheron horses, which brought Santa to town,” remarked Utz. “We are so grateful to Interstate Battery that we honor them with the ‘Power’ful Partner Award.”

The Mayor also recognized Penguin Random House for their generous sponsorship of the parade.

For more information about downtown holiday events, please visit [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov).

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